JS 44 (Rev. 09/11)

## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil coversheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Lehigh County, Pa (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Hartford, CT  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.					
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Neil D. Ettinger, Esquire 1815 Schadt Ave., Whitehall, Lehigh County, PA 18052 610 439 3881			·	Attorneys (If Known) Ronald P. Schiller, Hangley Aronchick Philadelphia, PA 1	k Segal Pu		One Logan	3q., 27	th Fl.,
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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. 1815 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, Lehigh County, PA 18052 Address of Defendant: One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, CT 06155 Pennsylvania Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? Yes (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) No₩ Yes□ Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Date Terminated: Judge Case Number: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously Yes□ terminated action in this court? No₩ 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? CIVIL: (Place / in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. 

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## CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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ETTINGER & ASSOCIATES, LLC
1815 Schadt Avenue
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Plaintiffs,

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THE HARTFORD/TWIN CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY One Hartford Plaza Hartford, CT 06155,

Defendant.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL** 

To the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 81(c), Defendant Twin City Fire Insurance Company, improperly named as "The Hartford/Twin City Fire Insurance Company (hereinafter "Twin City"), hereby files a Notice of Removal of Case No. C-48-CV-2012-4598, from the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County in which it is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and in support thereof, avers as follows:

## I. Background

- 1. On May 16, 2012, Plaintiffs Ettinger & Associates, LLC and Neil D. Ettinger, Esquire ("Ettinger") initiated this action by filing a complaint in the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County against Twin City. A copy of the complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 2. The docket reflects certificate of service upon Twin City on May 21, 2012. A copy of the state court docket is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 3. The complaint seeks declaratory relief and alleges bad faith under 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8371.

### II. Defendants Have Satisfied The Procedural Requirements For Removal

- 4. As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), this Notice is filed within 30 days of Twin City's receipt of the Complaint -- or "initial pleading" -- in this suit.
- 5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because it is the "district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."
  - 6. No previous application has been made for the relief requested herein.
- 7. The signature below reflects the consent to removal of all of the defendants, known to be served, who must agree to removal. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(2)(A).
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Notice of Removal is being served upon counsel for Ettinger and a copy is being filed with the Clerk's office for the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

## III. This Court Has Subject Matter Jurisdiction Pursuant To 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441.

9. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the plaintiffs and defendant and the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum of \$75,000.

#### A. The Amount In Controversy Requirement Is Satisfied

- 10. Ettinger alleges damages in excess of \$50,000, together with costs, interest, attorneys' fees and punitive damages.
- 11. Therefore, upon information and belief, the value of the claims alleged in the complaint, if Ettinger were to prevail, exclusive of interest and costs, would exceed the \$75,000 amount in controversy required for diversity jurisdiction. *See Bell v. Preferred Life Assur. Soc.*, 320 U.S. 238 (1943) (punitive and actual damages may be aggregated to meet the amount in controversy requirement); *Angus v. Shiley Inc.*, 989 F.2d 142, 146 (3d Cir. 1993) ("the amount in controversy is not measured by the low end of an open-ended claim, but rather by a reasonable reading of the rights being litigated."). The Hartford denies liability and damages to Ettinger in any amount.

### B. There Is Complete Diversity of Citizenship

- 12. According to the complaint, plaintiff Ettinger & Associates, LLC, is a Pennsylvania Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. *See* Compl. ¶ 1.
- 13. According to the Complaint, plaintiff Neil D. Ettinger, Esquire, is an attorney practicing in Pennsylvania. *See* Compl. ¶ 2. Upon information and belief, Mr. Ettinger is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 14. Defendant Twin City is an Indiana corporation with its principal place of business in Hartford, Connecticut.
- 15. Twin City's parent corporations, Hartford Fire Insurance Company and The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., are Connecticut and Delaware corporations, respectively, with their principal places of business in Hartford, Connecticut.
- 16. Therefore, there is complete diversity of citizenship between the plaintiffs and the defendant in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

**WHEREFORE**, Defendant requests that the above action now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, be removed to this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 11, 2012

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